



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration
Rockville MD 20857

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Re: MULTAQ
Patent Nos. 7,323,493 and 5,223,510
Docket Nos. FDA-2010-E-0039
FDA-2010-E-0040

The Honorable David J. Kappos
Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property
Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office
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Dear Director Kappos:

This is in regard to the patent term extension applications for U.S. Patent Nos. 7,323,493 and 5,223,510 filed by Sanofi-Aventis under 35 U.S.C. § 156. The patents claim MULTAQ (dronedaron hydrochloride), which was assigned (NDA) 21-913.

In the December 10, 2010, issue of the Federal Register (75 Fed. Reg. 76991), the Food and Drug Administration published its determination of this product's regulatory review period, as required under 35 U.S.C. § 156(d)(2)(A). The notice provided that on or before June 8, 2011, 180 days after the publication of the determination, any interested person could file a petition with FDA under 35 U.S.C. § 156(d)(2)(B)(i) for a determination of whether the patent term extension applicant acted with due diligence during the regulatory review period.

The 180-day period for filing a due diligence petition pursuant to this notice has expired and FDA has received no such petition. Therefore, FDA considers the regulatory review period determination to be final.

Please let me know if we can provide further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

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